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DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION
801 K Street, MS 24-02
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via email – comments@conservation.ca.gov

**RE: PROPOSED AQUIFER EXEMPTION DESIGNATION- DOLLIE SANDS, PISMO BEACH
FORMATION, ARROYO GRANDE OIL FIELD, COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO**

To whom it may concern,

On behalf of the Association of Edna Valley Growers (“Growers”) – an organization comprised of landowners and agriculturists cultivating the valley’s vineyards, orchards, and row crops, this correspondence represents their written statement of support relevant to the aforementioned action.

We have availed ourselves of the Public Notice and all documents related to the proposed aquifer exemption application. In addition, we are encouraged that the ultimate approval of the project and permits will involve a joint review by the Division of Oil, Gas and Geothermal Resources, the State Water Board, and importantly for us, our Regional Water Quality Control Board.

In addition to the safeguards inherent in the permitting process, we can support the aquifer exemption based upon the following technical considerations:

- ☐ The subsurface hydraulic connection between the Edna sub-basin and Price Canyon water bearing zones is restricted by faulting and folding, which act as barriers to groundwater flow; and that
- ☐ The reservoir is bounded by the Arroyo Grande Fault and multiple fault splays north of the main fault. This fault and its splays provide a seal to fluid or steam migration northward from the oilfield.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide you with the Grower’s comments regarding this important action. Please contact me directly @ 808.541.4509/cmf@oasisassoc.com should you have questions or should you require any additional information.

Respectfully,
OASIS ASSOCIATES, INC.

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ASSOCIATION OF EDNA VALLEY GROWERS

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